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OSH Program Directive Number 80-1910.23-1(Revised)

Subject: Defining the Term “nominal diameter” Under Article VI, Section 1910.23(e)(3)(ii).

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.23(e)(3)(ii). Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.23(e)(ii)

Background: This directive establishes the size of pipe acceptable for use in the construction of guardrails. This directive replaces OSH Program Directive Number 73-1910.23-1 (formerly Interpretative Bulletin Number 73-7-1).

Interpretation: The term “nominal diameter” as used in the regulation to describe the size (diameter) of pipe used in the construction of standard railings and posts means the outside diameter. The specification that the pipe for railings, post and top and immediate railing shall be “at least 1 ½ inches nominal diameter” means that the outside diameter of the pipe used shall not be less than 1 ½ inches.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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